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ABSTRACT OF FUR LAWS, 1948-49

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The demand for all kinds of fur puts into the pockets of the American trappers millions of dollars a year. Until trapping begins these furs have not cost them a single effort. Speaking generally, fur animals transform uncultivated and otherwise useless materials into valuable peltries without expense or attention on the part of the tenants or land-owners. They are doing this throughout the United States. Moreover, several of the furry tenants of the land are useful in destroying farm pests. When the grain and hay have been harvested, farmers, their sons, and tenants take down their traps and set out to gather unearned increments of fur. This annual raw fur crop in the United States is worth from \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000. About 15 percent of this amount, or approximately \$18,750,000, goes to the fur farmers who produce silver foxes and minks in captivity and part of it is also received by professional trappers. The greater portion 60 to 70 percent goes to farmers and farm boys.

There are some bad practices in the United States which have reduced the number and quality of fur pelts harvested. The use of poison, which kills many animals that are not found before the fur is spoiled; smoking animals out of their dens, which too often suffocates them instead of forcing them out; destroying dens, which either leaves the animals without suitable places in which to rear their young or drives them out of the locality altogether; trapping too early in the fall, which catches many animals having small, unprime pelts; trapping too late in spring, which destroys pregnant females and young as well as taking pelts which have become unprime or scarred. These are some of the more common undesirable practices.

Wild as well as domestic animals on the land require food and shelter, and while the farmer is providing as a matter of course for his domestic stock, he will, if wise, be mindfull also of the needs of his wild tenants. If he regards his barns as factories for producing milk, meat, and wool, he may as well consider the fox den in the hill pasture and the one in the big hollow sycamore by the creek as fur factories and preserve them accordingly. If he sells only his excess domestic stock, he also will cease trapping the wild "stock" while there are enough fur animals left on his land to insure another year's fur harvest.

The important point is to have people understand the possibilities of increasing their incomes in this way. When this is fully appreciated, they will uphold State laws that forbid the use of smoke, poison, or other chemicals in taking fur animals, and forbid the destruction of dens and trapping on the land of others without written permission. Such laws are already on the statute books of practically every State, but they need stricter enforcement.

Too many improperly handled furs are received in the raw fur markets. This results from the pelts being carelessly removed, either through lack of knowledge on how to skin the animals properly, or through wasteful negligence on the part of the trappers. Poor preparation of fur skins brings disappointing returns. Such waste can be reduced by following certain methods. To warrant the current, top-market price, the fur pelt should be prime, properly skinned, stretched, and dried, and free from dirt and excessive flesh and fat.

The tabulations in this leaflet of the open seasons in 1948-49 on fur animals and the summaries of the provisions of State and Provincial laws concerning possession, sale, shipment, export, and licenses have been prepared primarily to aid Federal officials in conducting investigations under the Lacey Act and enforcing its provisions and to answer inquiries of State game officials, trappers, and other interested persons. Every effort has been made to have the summaries correct, but the trapping seasons in many State and Provinces being subject to change by orders or regulations of the respective conservation authorities, it would be well for trappers and others concerned to apply direct to the proper agency for the latest information on State and Provincial laws, orders, and regulations before engaging in trapping or other activities involving fur animals or parts thereof.

The Federal Lacey Act is found on pages 41 and 42 of this leaflet.

ALABAMA

Open seasons

Beaver, otter (see exception)..... No open season.
Exception: Open season on otters in Mobile, Clarke,
 Baldwin, and Washington Counties..... Nov. 20 - Feb. 20.
 Civet cat, fox, mink, opossum, skunk, raccoon, weasel..... Nov. 20 - Feb. 20.
 Muskrat (see exception)..... Nov. 20 - Feb. 20.
Exception: Mobile and Baldwin Counties..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 31.

Possession and sale. Possession of furs, skins, or pelts by trapper, fur buyer, or dealer longer than 20 days after the close of the season is illegal, unless permission to keep furs longer has been granted by the Department of Conservation before the expiration of the 20-day period. No restrictions on sale of skins legally taken and on which State tax has been paid.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken and on which State tax has been paid.

Licenses. Resident, \$2.50. A nonresident is not permitted to trap. Fur buyers or trader must obtain a license based on gross sales of the preceding year, the minimum cost of license being \$25.

ALASKA

Open season

Beaver:
 Fur district 1 Apr. 1 - Apr. 30.
 Fur district 2 (see exception)..... Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
Exception: On a strip one-half mile wide on each side of the Copper River road from Eyak Bridge to Mile 27..... No open season.
 Fur district 3 (see exception)..... Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
Exception: Kodiak-Afognak Island group..... No open season.
 Fur districts 4 and 5..... Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
 Fur district 6 (see exception)..... Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
Exception: Within the Clearwater Creek drainage, lying south of the Tanana River and between the Richardson Highway and the Big Gerstle River, or within the drainage of the Salcha River from the mouth upstream to and including the drainage of 98 Mile Creek..... No open season.
 Fur district 7..... Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
 Fur district 8..... No open season.
 Bear, polar..... No closed season.
 Coyote, marmot, squirrel, wolverine, wolf..... No closed season.
 Fox, land otter, lynx, mink, weasel:
 Fur district 1..... No open season.
 Fur district 2 to 7 (see exception)..... Nov. 16 - Jan. 31.
Exception: White foxes..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 15.
 Fur district 8..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 15.

Marten:
 Fur district 1 (see exception)..... Nov. 1 - Nov. 20.
Exception: Chichagof and Baranof Islands..... No open season.
 Fur districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (see exception)..... Nov. 16 - Jan. 31.
Exception: Kenai Peninsula..... No open season.

Muskrat:

Fur districts 1 and 2..... Apr. 1 - May 31.
 Fur districts 3 and 4..... Mar. 10 - May 10.
 Fur district 5..... Apr. 1 - May 31.
 Fur districts 6 and 7..... Mar. 1 - May 31.
 Fur district 8..... Apr. 10 - June 10.

Bag Limit: Beaver, 10 a season.

Trapping methods: Any means, except by means, aid, or use of set gun, a shotgun, artificial light of any kind, a steel bear trap or other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, poison, a dog (except polar bears in fur district 8, and wolves and coyotes in fur districts 5, 6, 7, and 8), a fish trap or net, or by setting any trap or snare within 25 feet of a beaver home or den or within 100 feet of a fox den, or by destroying or disturbing homes, houses, dens, or runways of such animals; provided that beaver may be taken only by means of a steel trap or snare and by persons over the age of eleven years, and wolves and coyotes may be killed by means of a rifle, shotgun, or pistol at any time, by any persons permitted to carry firearms.

Possession and sale: No restrictions on prime skins legally taken, except that beaver skins must be presented to an enforcement agent or other officer authorized by the Alaska Game Commission for sealing within 30 days after close of the season.

Shipment and export: No restrictions on skins legally taken, but no person who is engaged in fur farming or is a fur dealer shall possess or transport furs without a license. Packages containing furs must be marked to show contents in detail and the names and addresses of consignors and consignees, and shipper must deliver to freight or express agent or postmaster at shipping point, a statement showing contents of package and that no illegal or unsealed beaver skins are contained therein. Shipment of unsealed beaver skins is prohibited.

Licenses: Resident, trapping, \$3. Trapping license is not required of native Indians or Eskimos, nor of residents under 16 years of age.

Nonresident: General hunting, trapping, and game fishing, \$50.

Fur farm: \$2.

Alien: Special hunting, trapping, and fishing, \$100.

Fur dealer: (a) Resident, \$10; or association or co-partnership of residents organized under laws of the Territory, \$10 for each individual; (b) non-resident but citizen or national of the United States, or corporation, association, or co-partnership composed of citizens or nationals of the United States organized under the laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, any member of which is a nonresident, \$100; (c) alien, or corporation, association, or co-partnership, not organized under laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, any stockholder or member of which is an alien, \$500; (d) resident of the Territory and agent in charge of a station of a fur dealer of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or a resident itinerant agent of such dealer, \$10; (e) nonresident of the Territory but a citizen or national of the United States and agent in charge of a station of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or a nonresident citizen or national itinerant agent, \$100; (f) alien and agent in charge of a station of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or an alien itinerant agent, \$500: Provided, no license shall be issued to any agent whose principal has not procured a license in accordance with (a), (b), or (c).

ARIZONA

Consult Game and Fish Commission, Arizona State Building, Phoenix, Arizona. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

ARKANSAS

..... Open seasons ...
Beaver, bear, otter..... No open season.
Other fur animals, including fox..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Possession and sale: Open season, December 1st to January 31st, inclusive. Allowed to February 10th. to dispose of pelts.. Dealers may get permit to hold longer. Each dealer required to furnish Game and Fish Commission itemized list on or before the tenth day after the close of each season, giving number and kind and from whom all furs are purchased during season.

Shipment and export: Shipments must be plainly marked with name, address and license number of shipper, date of shipment, also the words "Fur-pelts."

Licenses: Resident using 12 or less traps, \$1.50; using more than 12 traps, \$20. Non resident, \$50. Fur dealer: resident, \$5; nonresident, \$50.

CALIFORNIA

..... Open seasons
Beaver (see note), sea otter..... No open season.
Note-- Beavers, when damaging levees or canals may be taken under special permit issued by the Fish and Game Commission.
Coyote, opossum, raccoon, ringtail, skunk, wolf, wildcat, weasel, badger..... No closed season.
Fisher, wolverine..... No open season.
Pine marten (District 1 1/2 only)..... No open season.
Other fur animals (see exception)..... Nov. 16 - Feb. 28.

Exception-- No muskrat trapping on Colorado River lying within State of California.

Note-- Trapping license (license year, July 1-June 30) is required for trapping pine martens (except in District 1 1/2), minks, river otters, foxes, and muskrats for profit and cannot be killed during the closed season except when destroying property. Spike or sawtooth traps cannot be used.

Possession and sale--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses-- Citizen, \$1; alien, \$2. Licensee must submit before July 1, a report of his catch, giving names and addresses of persons to whom pelts were sold or shipped.

COLORADO

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher, mink, opossum and otter.....	No open season
Foxes.....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.
Marten.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Muskrat.....	Nov. 15- Dec. 15.
(Below 7000 feet elevation)	
Muskrat	Oct. 1 - Oct. 30.
(Below 7000 feet elevation) Provided, however that the season for taking muskrat in the Rio Grande River drainage shall be Nov. 15 - Dec. 15, 1948.	
Raccoon.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Ringtail Cat.....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.
Weasel (Exception).....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.

Exception - There shall be no open season on weasel in the White River, Grand Mesa, Gunnison, Uncompahgre, Routt and San Juan national forest areas.

Possession and sale - Skins legally taken may be possessed during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. A permit is required for possession of skins by trapper and dealer 30 days after close of season. These permits expire on September 1 of the year of issue but may be renewed upon application on or before that date. The permit must accompany pelts sold by trappers or dealer whether sold within or out of the State. If the trapper or dealer disposes of only part of the pelts covered by the permit, the original permit must accompany the pelts disposed of and an application made for a new permit to cover the remainder.

Shipment and export - See Possession and sale. - Shipping tags provided by the State Game and Fish Commission must be attached to each bundle shipped, and each bundle must show name, post office address, and license number of shipper. Licensed trappers, dealers, and all persons must obtain a shipping permit from the Commission for each shipment of furs out of the State. The permit must be attached to each bundle shipped and must show the number and kind of each pelt in the shipment, names of shipper and consignee, and license number of consignor. Licensed dealers must furnish the Commission on or before June 30 next or at any time required to do so, a written report showing number and kinds of skins purchased from trappers and the amount paid. Fur purchased from other dealers shall not be included in this report.

Licenses. - Resident, \$3; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer; resident, \$25; nonresident, \$50. The Commission may require licensees to submit such reports as it may deem necessary. Special resident trappers permits are issued without charge to children under fourteen years of age of a resident landowner or farm tenant when application is made to the nearest game warden or fur inspector in writing.

CONNECTICUT

Open seasons

Fox, opossum weasel..... No closed season.
 Mink, otter, skunk..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.
 Muskrat..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.
 Rabbit and wild hare (see note)..... Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Note.- Does not apply to European hares. Belgian hares, or jackrabbits.
 Use of fitches, rodents, or ferrets is prohibited.

Raccoon (season opens at sunset) (see note)..... Oct. 16- Dec. 31.
 Squirrel (gray) (see note)..... Oct. 16 - Nov. 27.

Note.- Henceforth the season will open on raccoons and swuirrels on the
 third Saturday in October and will close on squirrels on the last
 Saturday in November. Hunting of squirrels within the limits of
 the city or borough is prohibited.

Bag Limits.- Rabbits and wild hares, 3 a day, 30 a season; squirrels (gray)
 5 a day, 30 a season.

Possession and sale.- Fur dealer's license is required to buy raw furs
 produced in the State.

Shipment and export.- No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.- Resident 16 years of age or over; trapping, \$3.35; trapping and
 hunting, \$5.35*; trapping, hunting, and fishing \$7.35**. Resident
 under 16, trapping, \$1.35. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap.
 Fur dealer; resident, \$5; agent of licensed resident, \$2; non-
 resident, \$75.

* As of January 1, 1948, \$6.35.

** -do- \$8.35

DELAWARE

Open seasons

Beaver..... No open season.
 Fox (red) (to chase only)..... Oct. 1 - Apr. 30.
 Mink, muskrat (see exception), otter..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 10

Exception: On embanked meadows in New Castle County
 muskrats may be taken until March 20.

Opossum, raccoon (see exception)..... Nov. 1 - Jan. 15.

Exception: In New Castle County raccoons may be taken
 from..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.

Squirrel..... Sept. 15 - Nov. 1.

Bag limit.- Squirrels and rabbits, 6.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-No restrictions on skins legally
 taken, except that it is illegal to sell or export red foxes or red fox hides.

Licenses.-- Resident hunting and trapping, \$1.25; nonresident hunting and
 trapping, \$15.50; special 5-day license, \$5.50. Aliens cannot hunt or trap
 except on a farm of 20 acres or more on which they reside. Fur dealer, \$5,
 required for purchasing all pelts except muskrat.

FLORIDA

Open season

Bear, bobcat, civet cat, fox, opossum, panther, skunk,
weasel, wildcat..... No closed season.
Mink, otter, raccoon Dec. 1 - Mar. 1.

Possession and sale.- Skins legally taken may be possessed, bought, and sold during the open season and 30 days thereafter, but fur dealers may handle manufactured furs at any time.

Shipment and export.- Skins legally taken may be shipped and exported during the open season and 30 days thereafter. Packages must show name and address of trapper.

Licenses.- Resident: State-wide \$25.50; county, \$3.25; county other than that of residence; \$10.50. License is not required of resident Confederate veterans or of other residents 65 years of age or over. Nonresident: State-wide, \$100.50; county \$25.50. Applicants for licenses must report previous year's catch. Fur dealer; Resident, \$100, and \$5 for each agent or traveling buyer; resident local dealer, \$10; nonresident, \$500, or \$100 for each agent or traveling buyer or acting as agent for nonresident buyer. Dealers and buyers must report every two weeks the names of trappers from whom pelts were purchased, their license numbers, and the number and kinds of pelts purchased.

GEORGIA

Open seasons

Beaver..... No open season.
Fox, mink, muskrat, opossum raccoon..... Nov. 29 - Feb. 28.
Otter..... No open season

Possession and sale.- Prohibited during the closed season. Dealers must make such reports as may be required by the Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.

Shipment and export.- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that the trapper must exhibit his license to the transportation agent when making shipments. Express companies must submit a report of fur shipments. Trappers and dealers must declare pelts in possession at the end of the season, and these declared pelts can be shipped at any time.

Licenses.- Resident, \$3; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer; resident, \$10; and \$5 for each agent; nonresident, \$200; and \$5 for each resident or traveling agent.

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher, mink..... No open season.

Fox, District 1, 2 and 4..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

District 3 (exception)..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

Exception- Except in Adams county, Gem county, and that part of Valley and Boise counties west of State Highway No. 15 to McCall, and that part of Valley county west of the McCall-Burgdorf road.

District 5:.....

Bonneville, Madison, Fremont and Teton counties. Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

Marten:

District 1, 2 and 4..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

District 3 (exception)..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

Exception- Except in Adams county, Gem county, that part of Valley and Boise counties west of State Highway No. 15 to McCall, and that part of Valley county west of the McCall-Burgdorf road.

District 5:

Bonneville, Madison, Fremont and Teton counties Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

Muskrat:

District 1..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

District 2..... Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.

District 3:

In Adams county, Boise county except the drainage of Mores creek, Valley county except Bear Valley creek and Johnson creek and their tributaries..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

In Ada and Canyon counties, Elmore county except the South Fork of Boise river and its drainages; Gem county; Owyhee county except Bruneau river and its tributaries above Bruneau Hot Springs; Payette and Washington counties..... Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.

District 4:

In Lemhi, Custer, Blaine and Butte counties.. Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

In Jerome, Gooding, Minidoka and Cassia counties; Camas county except the South Fork of Boise river and its tributaries; Lincoln county; and Twin Falls county except Salmon Falls creek and its tributaries..... Nov. 1 - Apr. 21.

Hagerman Refuge..... No open season.

District 5:

In Fremont county, except the North Fork of Snake river and its tributaries north of the Stone bridge below the mouth of Warm River..... Oct. 15 - Apr. 15.

Bear Lake County..... Apr. 1 - Apr. 15.

Teton County..... Oct. 15 - Oct. 30.

Caribou, Clark, Madison, Jefferson, Bonneville, and Bingham Counties..... Oct. 15 - Apr. 15.

Franklin, Bannock, Oneida and Power Counties... Mar. 15 - Mar. 31.

Otter:

District 1 and 2..... Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

District 3, 4 and 5..... No open season.

Raccoon:

District 1.....	Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
District 2.....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
District 3:	
Adams, Boise, and Valley counties.....	Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington counties.....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
District 4:	
Lemhi, Custer, Blaine and Butte counties.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Jerome, Gooding, Minidoka, Cassia, Camas, Lincoln, and Twin Falls counties.....	Nov. 1 - Apr. 21.
Hagerman Refuge.....	No open season.

- District 1 - Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, and Benewah Counties.
 District 2 - Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho Counties.
 District 3 - Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette,
 Valley and Washington Counties.
 District 4 - Camas, Gooding, Twin Falls, Cassia, Jerome, Blaine,
 Lincoln, Butte, Minidoka, Lemhi and Custer Counties.
 District 5 - Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville,
 Bingham, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Bear Lake, Oneida, and
 Franklin Counties.

All dates on above seasons are inclusive.

Possession and sale - It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, exchange, ship, transfer, market, purchase, receive from another, or in any way deal with marten, mink fisher or otter pelts unless the same be officially tagged by an authorized officer of the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Tagging of all marten, mink, fisher, and otter will be done by conservation officers without cost to the trapper, with official fur tags of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any marten, mink, fisher or otter pelts after fourteen days from the close of the respective trapping season for said marten, mink fisher, or otter, as set by the fish and game commission, unless the same are tagged with the official fur tags of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Licenses - Resident, \$5; nonresident, \$75; alien, \$150. Fur buyer; resident, \$5; nonresident, \$20.

ILLINOISOpen season

Beaver, marten, otter.....	No open season.
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, fox (red and gray), skunk:	
Northern zone (see exception and note).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Exception: Red and gray fox.....	No closed season.
Southern zone (see note).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Central zone (see exception and note).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Exception: Red and gray fox.....	No closed season.
Other fur animals.....	No closed season.

Note- Northern zone comprises Henderson, Iroquois, Livingston, Knox, Peoria, Warren, and Woodford Counties, and all counties north thereof.

Southern zone comprises Bond, Crawford, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, and Madison Counties, and all counties south thereof.

Central zone comprises the rest of the State.

Bag limit. It is unlawful for any one person to take more than twelve (12) raccoons during any one open season.

Possession and sale. Possession of green hides is permitted during the open season and 20 days thereafter. Every person taking fur animals must make a sworn report each month to the Department of Conservation of all hides of fur animals taken, sold, shipped, or dealt in during November through February not later than the 5th day of the month succeeding that for which report is made. Fur buyers and tanners of green hides of fur animals are required to keep a record showing name, address, and license number of each person, within or without the State, from whom such hides are received, date of receipt, and prices paid, which record shall be open to inspection by officers of the Conservation Department, sheriffs, constables, or other police officer.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses. For each 25 traps or fraction thereof -- resident, \$2; non-resident, \$10. Fur buyers, resident; wholesaler, \$50; retailer, \$10; traveling, \$10; fur buyer, nonresident, \$100; expiration date, January 31 of each year.

INDIANA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver.....	No open season.
Fox.....	No closed season.
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk (12 noon).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.

Bag limit. Daily bag limits on raccoon, 2.

Possession and sale. Fresh skins legally taken may be possessed and disposed of 5 days after close of season. Licensed fur buyers may possess untanned hides taken in the open season 60 days after close of season, and for a longer period if report showing number and kinds of skins and place of storage is made to the Director of Conservation. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export. No restriction on skins legally taken, except that shipment must be labeled to show contents, and license must be exhibited to carrier.

Licenses. Resident, \$1.50; nonresident, \$15.50. Fur buyer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$25. Nonresident jobber to purchase from licensed buyers, \$10.

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, mink muskrat, opossum, raccoon,
 skunk..... Nov. 10 - Jan. 10.
 Beaver, otter..... No open season.

Note.--Beavers may be taken, under special permit
 by landholder or his agent in areas where, after
 investigation, it is found they are doing damage.
 Pelts of beavers so taken must be tagged, such tag
 to remain attached until the pelt is processed.

Fox, weasel, wildcat, wolf, ground hog..... No closed season.

Note.-- Open season dates are subject to change by administrative order
 of the State Conservation Commission.

Possession and sale.-- Skins legally taken may be possessed and sold
 during the open season and 10 days thereafter, or for a longer period under
 permit of the Conservation Commission. Licensed dealer may possess at any
 time hides legally acquired. Special permit is required for trappers to
 ship, transport, or sell to dealers outside the State. Green hides in process
 of manufacture may be possessed at any time. Dealers or buyers must, within
 15 days after close of season, file with the Conservation Commission a sworn
 inventory of the number and kinds of skins purchased.

Shipment and export.-- See possession and sale. Skins of protected fur
 animals legally taken may be exported under permit during the open season and
 the first 10 days of the closed season.

Licenses.-- Resident, using 15 traps or less, \$1; using more than 15, 15¢
 per trap, including tag. Nonresident shall be charged the same fee that the
 State of the applicant's residence charges a resident of Iowa for a nonresident
 license, providing such fee shall not be less than \$10.00; providing further no
 such license shall be issued to a resident of any State which does not grant non-
 resident trapping licenses. Fur dealers must be licensed; resident, \$10;
 nonresident license shall be determined similar to nonresident trapping license
 providing such shall not be less than \$50.00; providing further no such license
 shall be issued to a resident of any State which does not grant nonresident fur
 dealers licenses.

KANSAS

Open season

Beaver (see note), otter..... No open season.

Note.--The State game warden is authorized after
 investigation, to have taken under his super-
 vision, as many beavers as he deems necessary
 for protection of property.

Fox..... No closed season.
 Badger, civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum raccoon,
 skunk..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Possession and sale.-- Skins legally taken may be possessed by licensed
 fur dealers during the first 10 days of the closed season. No other restrictions
 on possession and sale of skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.-- Skins may not be shipped except during the open season and 10 days thereafter, but licensed dealers may make shipments out of season under permit.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$1; nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur dealer, resident, \$10, nonresident, \$25.

KENTUCKY

Open seasons

Beaver, otter..... No open season.
Opossum, mink, raccoon, skunk, muskrat, red fox..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

No person shall use a steel trap with a jaw spread of more than 5 3/4 in., or the jaws of which have a sharp or jagged edge, or that have more than one spring for the purpose of closing the jaws or that has a spring which would normally be expected under ordinary circumstances, to exert a pressure sufficient instantly to cut through or break the leg of any wild animal protected by this chapter.

Note.-- Every licensed fur dealer shall issue a receipt to each person from whom he purchases furs or skins of fur animals, setting forth the number and kind of furs or skins, the date of purchase, and the price paid for each. The dealer shall make out a duplicate receipt at the same time, and obtain the signature and address on such duplicate of the person from whom the furs or skins were purchased. On or before the end of each license year the dealer shall send the duplicate receipts to the Division of Game and Fish and may be required by the Division to send in the duplicate receipts more often. Failure to send in as directed bars licensees from obtaining license for the following year.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- Trappers, no restrictions on skins legally taken. Green hides of raccoons, opossums, skunks, muskrats, and minks may be possessed until February 15. Fur buyers, no restrictions on skins legally purchased. Green hides of raccoons, opossums, skunks, muskrats, and minks may be possessed until February 20. Fur possessors may trade and traffic in furs with licensed processors and manufacturers the year round.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$1; nonresident, \$10.50. Fur buyer: resident, \$2; nonresident, \$75.

LOUISIANA

Open seasons

Bear (game animals)..... Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Beaver..... No open season.
Civet cat, mink, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel. Nov. 20 - Jan. 20.
Muskrat, nutria (coypu)..... Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.
Panther, wildcat, wolf..... No closed season.

Possession and sale.-- Skins legally taken and possessed may be sold during the open season by licensed trappers and may be bought and sold by licensed dealers who may possess such skins during the closed season provided the records and reports required by law have been kept and submitted, but no licensee shall possess green hides or furs of any fur animals except muskrats between January 21 and November 19 inclusive.

Closed season on muskrats February 16 to November 30 inclusive.

Shipment and export.--State tax (otter, 25¢; mink, muskrat (coyote), 10¢; and raccoon, 5¢; all other pelts, 1¢ each) must be paid on all pelts before they are shipped or exported. No furs may be exported except by the holder of a dealer's license or by the trapper shipping his own catch. Dealer must make a sworn statement of shipments out of the State.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2; nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur dealer; resident, \$150; nonresident, \$300. Fur buyer: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$100.

MAINE

Open seasons

Beaver (see exception), fisher, sable..... No open season.

Exception: The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may open the season on beavers that are polluting the water supply and damaging property.

Bear..... No closed season.

Bobcat, Canada lynx (loup cervier), porcupine..... No closed season.

Fox (see note 1), otter, raccoon and skunk (see note 2) weasel..... Oct. 16 - Feb. 15.

Note 1.-- There is no closed season for hunting foxes in organized territory for a period of 2 years from August 14, 1946.

Note 2.-- Raccoons and skunks may be hunted at night with dogs and with a pistol not larger than a .22 caliber, Oct. 15-Dec. 15.

Mink..... Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.

Muskrat:

Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties..... Mar. 20 - Apr. 20.

Aroostook County..... Nov. 17 - Nov. 30.
Apr. 26 - May 15.

Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Oxford..... Nov. 17 - Nov. 30.

Kennebec and Washington..... Apr. 10 - Apr. 25.
Apr. 1 - Apr. 30.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that beaver skins must bear the seal of the Commissioner.

License.-- Resident, State-wide, \$10; in organized territory, \$5; non-resident and alien, \$50. State-wide license required when season is opened on beavers \$10. Fur dealer, resident, \$25. Licensed trappers are required to make report of their catch.

MARYLAND

Open seasons

Beaver.....No open season.
 Otter, muskrat, mink.....Jan. 1 - Mar. 15.
 Rabbit.....Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
 Raccoon, opossum.....Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
 Squirrel (see note).....Sept. 15 - Sept. 30.

Note.-- Landowner residing on his farm lands or a tenant of said farm lands may kill any squirrel between August 15 and September 14 inclusive if said squirrel is destroying corn on said farm lands.

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- Possession of green hides of muskrats is prohibited except from January 1 to March 25. Cured muskrat skins may be possessed at any time for business purposes. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Resident: State, \$5.25; county, \$1.25. Nonresident, \$15.50.

MASSACHUSETTS

Open seasons

Beaver.....No open season.
 Fox, muskrat, mink, opossum (see note), otter, raccoon, (see note), skunk, weasel, wildcat, (bobcat) (trapping) Nov. 15 - Mar. 1.

Note.-- Opossums and raccoons may be hunted with gun and dog, October 10 to January 1. Trapping of any mammal is illegal, March 2 to October 31.

Bag limit - Raccoon, 10.

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that trappers must report to the Department of Conservation the number of animals taken. Skins may be sold only to licensed fur dealers. Green pelts may be possessed only during and for two weeks after the trapping season.

Licenses.-- Resident; \$5.25 (no charge to resident 70 years of age or over); nonresident, \$15.25. Fur dealer - for information on licenses communicate with the Division of Fisheries and Game; Department of Conservation, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. All traps must be registered and registration number stamped on all traps.

MICHIGAN

Open seasons

Badger, skunk.....Nov. 1 - Jan. 31,
 Bear (see note).....

General season.....Nov. 15 - Nov. 30.

Bow and arrow season.....Oct. 1 - Nov. 5.

Note.-- Bears are unprotected in some counties.

Consult conservation officer for local regulations.

Beaver and otter (open seasons, if any, to be announced by the Commission of Conservation later).

	Open seasons
Coyote, wolf, lynx, bobcat, fox, opossum, porcupine, weasel, squirrel (red).....	No closed season
Fisher, marten, squirrel (black).....	No open season.
Mink, muskrat (see exceptions):	
Upper Peninsula.....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.
Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay.....	Nov. 15 - Dec. 15.
Rest of Lower Peninsula.....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.

Exceptions:

Minks may be hunted from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 in upper Peninsula; Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 in Lower Peninsula.

Special season on mink and muskrats, November 15 to November 21, inclusive, in that portion of the Dead Stream Area, Roscommon County, described as follows: Sections 4 and 9, west of County road; entire Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, all in T 23 N, R 4 W.

Special season on mink and muskrats, Dec. 1 to Jan. 31, in the following described area: Beginning at a point on the southern boundary of Michigan where it is intersected by highway U.S. 25; thence northward along highway U.S. 25 to its junction with M 56; thence along M 56 to its junction with highway No. 379; thence along highway No. 379 to its junction with Oak Street in the city of Wyandotte; thence east to the international boundary; thence southeast along the international boundary to its junction with the Ohio boundary line in Lake Erie; thence southwest along the Ohio boundary line to the place of beginning. All of Grosse Ile is included in this area.

Rabbit (cottontail), hare (varying or snowshoe):.....	<u>Open Seasons.</u>
Upper Peninsula.....	Oct. 1 - Mar. 1.
Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay.....	Oct. 15 - Jan. 31.
Rest of Lower Peninsula.....	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.

Raccoon (trapping) (see note):

Upper Peninsula (see exception).....	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u> Delta and Menominee Counties.....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.
Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay.....	Nov. 15 - Dec. 15.
Rest of Lower Peninsula.....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 15.

Note.--Raccoons may be hunted in all the Lower

Peninsula from November 1 to December 15, and

in Delta and Menominee Counties of the Upper

Peninsula from November 1 to November 14. Non-

residents may not hunt or trap these animals.

Squirrel (fox and gray):	
Upper Peninsula.....	No open season.
Lower Peninsula.....	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15.

Possession and sale.--Skins of fur animals in possession 5 days after close of season must be reported to the Conservation Commission. Persons selling skins of fur animals must report name and address of purchaser and number and kinds of skins sold.

Shipment and export.-- Dealers must have a permit to export furs. Packages must be labeled with the names and addresses of consignor and consignee.

Licenses.-- Resident (except for beavers and otters), \$2.00. Licensees must report to the Commission of Conservation not later than February 15 the number and kinds of animals taken. Special beaver license (also includes otters if there is an open season on them), \$2, and \$2 additional for seal to be attached to each skin. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap.

MINNESOTA

Open seasons

Badger.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.
Bear.....	No closed season,
Beaver, muskrat, otter.....	(see note)
Fisher, marten.....	No open season.
Mink.....	Nov. 1 - Jan. 29.
Raccoon.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 1.
Skunk.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.
Squirrel.....	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.
Other fur animals.....	No closed season.

Note.-- Consult Department of Conservation, State Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota, for seasons on beavers, muskrats and otter.

Possession and sale.-- Skins of protected fur bearing animals legally taken during the open season must be sealed or permit in possession within 5 days after the close of the season. Such protected fur bearing animals may be bought or sold at any time. Possession of protected fur bearing animals in closed season not sealed or having a permit is presumptive evidence they have been taken during closed season.

Shipment and export.-- Protected fur bearing animals sealed and having a permit may be transported at any time. When shipping furs taken under trapping license, the parcel must be plainly marked on the outside stating the name, address and license number of shipper and kind and number of skins contained in the package. The way bill or receipt issued by any common carrier to a shipper shall specify the number and species of wild animals so shipped.

Licenses.--Trapping license, issued only to residents, \$3. A small game hunting license is required in addition:

Residents under 16 years of age not required to have a license to hunt and trap fur bearers except beaver or otter.

MISSISSIPPI

Open seasons

Beaver..... (See Note)

Note.-- Beaver may be taken by permit from the Game and Fish Commission by licensed trappers.

Bear.....	No open season.
Fox.....	No closed season.
Opossum, raccoon.....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.

Otter:

Lauderdale, Kemper, Jones, Perry, Stone, George,
Jackson, Harrison, Clarke, Wayne, Green, and
Hancock.....

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Skunk, weasel, mink raccoon, muskrat (exception)..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Exception: Muskrat season in Jackson, Harrison,
and Hancock.....

Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

MISSOURI

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)..... No open season.

Note.-- Beavers, when causing damage, may be taken
under special permit only.

Bobcat, coyote, wolf..... No closed season.

Civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, skunk, weasel..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.

Fox (gray, red) (see note)..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.

Note.-- Gray foxes may be taken with rifle, gun
or dog from December 1 to March 31. Foxes
may be pursued at any time, but taken only
during the open season.

Raccoon (see note)..... Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.

Note.-- Only 10 raccoons may be taken by a hunter
or trapper during the open season. Raccoons
may be pursued with dogs under control but
may be taken only during the open season.

Other fur animals..... No open season.

Note.-- The State Conservation Commission, Jefferson City, advises
that there may be changes effective January 1949. Consult the
Commission for verification on seasons.

Possession and sale.-- Possession and sale of green pelts during the
closed season is prohibited. The buying season extends from December 1 to
10 days after the close of the open season. Fur dealers may traffic in furs
throughout the calendar year, but fur buyers are restricted to the buying
season.

Shipment and export.-- Shipper must show hunter's or dealer's license
to the transportation company. Undried or green pelts may be shipped only
during the open season, except that pelts of wolves, coyotes, and wildcats may
be shipped at any time or in any condition. Dried pelts may be shipped during
the open season and 10 days thereafter. Shipments must be marked with name and
address of shipper, his license number, date of shipment, and nature of contents.

Licenses.-- Resident: hunting and trapping (State), \$2.50; hunting and
fishing, county of residence, \$2.00; hunting, fishing and trapping (State),
\$4.00. (Nonresident not permitted to hunt or trap fur bearers. Fur dealer or
buyer; resident dealer \$100; resident buyer (State), \$20; nonresident fur
buyer (State), \$150; limited, \$25.

Open seasons

Beaver (see note) (Special permit required)..... No open season.

Note.-- The shooting of beavers is prohibited.

After investigations, the State Game Warden may issue a special permit to property owners (fee \$10) to trap beavers that are damaging his property. Application for such permit must be filed between May 1 and September 30. It is unlawful to willfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy, the house of any beaver.

Ferret, bobcat, civet cat, coyote, lynx, mountain lion,
skunk, weasel, wolf, wolverine, badger..... No closed season.
Fox, mink, raccoon..... Nov. 20 - Dec. 31.
Marten, fisher, otter..... No open season.
Muskrat, raccoon..... Mar. 1 - Apr. 15.

Note.-- All Federal and State preserves are closed to trapping except upon the issuance of a permit by the State Fish and Game Warden as far as State preserves are concerned, or by Federal refuge managers as far as Federal preserves are concerned.

Possession and sale.-- Possession and sale of beaver skins, whether taken within or without the State is prohibited, except that skins lawfully taken and tagged may be sold and shipped within the State or exported under shipping permit. Beaver skins from without the State must be reported within 10 days after arrival, with affidavit showing number, date of receipt, name and address of person from whom received, tag numbers, and method of transportation. They may then be bought and sold, or exported under permit (fee 60¢). No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.-- A resident of the State or a nonresident must have shipping permit (fee 60¢) to export skins of any fur animal. No other restrictions, other than as above stated, on skins legally taken. Packages must be marked to show contents and number of shipping permit. Beaver pelts must be tagged (fee 50¢).

Licenses.-- General Trapping License, \$10.00, Land Owner's Trapping License, \$1.00. Application for General Trapping License should give 1948 Bird and Fish License number. Application for Land Owner's Trapping License should give description of land owned or leased by the applicant.

NEBRASKA

Open seasons

Badger, mink, skunk, civet..... Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Beaver..... No open season.
Coyote..... No closed season.
Fox..... Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

Muskrat:

Area 1..... Dec. 15 - Mar. 1.
 Area 2..... Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.

Note.-- Area 1 includes: Authur, Banner, Blaine, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Holt, Hooker, Keya, Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Morrill, Rock, Scotts, Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Thomas and Wheeler Counties.

Area 2 includes: Adams, Antelope, Boone, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster and York Counties.

Raccoon and opossum.....Oct. 1 - Mar. 1.

Possession and sale.-- Fox, badger, mink, skunk, civet, raccoon, opossum, and muskrat, possession at any time, no limit. All fur must be disposed of within ten days after the close of the season. Any individual buying raw fur must have a fur buyer's permit and keep records in the fur book furnished by the Game Department.

Shipment and export.-- All fur shipped directly out of the state must be tagged by a tag available at any place of purchase of permits. Half of the tag is to be filled out in full and mailed to the Game Department at the time of shipping. Additional tags may be obtained by writing to the Game Department.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2.50; Nonresident taking one thousand or less fur bearing animals shall pay a permit fee in the amount of \$100 and \$5 additional for each additional one hundred or part of one hundred fur bearing animals.

NEVADA

Open seasons

Badger, fisher, fox (red, silver, and swift), marten,
 mink, muskrat, raccoon, wolverine,..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.
 Beaver, otter..... No open season.
 Bobcat, coyote, lynx, mountain lion, skunk, weasel,
 wolf..... No closed season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- Beaver and otter to be taken only by State Commission.

Licenses.-- Trapper's license is required for trapping: Resident, \$1; nonresident, \$10; declarant alien, \$15; alien, \$30; mink and muskrat special license, \$15 in addition to proper general trapper's license; resident fur dealer, \$1; fur dealer's agents, \$10; nonresident fur dealer, \$25.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Consult Fish and Game Department, Concord, New Hampshire. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

NEW JERSEY

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)..... Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

Note.-- The Division of Fish & Game may issue permits not exceeding 100 in any one calendar year to trap not more than 5 beavers between February 1 - 28; fee, \$5.00. No such beaver may be sold unless tagged by game warden. It is illegal to possess raw pelts unless tagged; whether from beaver killed within or out of State. Landowner or lessees on at least partly cultivated areas may take beavers under permit; but carcasses must be turned over to State for disposition.

Mink, muskrat, otter..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 15.

Raccoon (see note)..... Nov. 1 - Jan. 15.

Note.-- Raccoons may not be trapped. They may be hunted only between sunset and sunrise but may not be hunted during the open season on deer.

Other fur animals..... No closed season.

Bag limit.-- Raccoons, 15 a season.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$3.15; nonresident and alien, \$15.50.

NEW MEXICO

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, coati mundi, fox, masked ferret, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, weasel..... Oct. 1 - Mar. 31.

Bear (see note) Classed as Game Animals

Note.-- Bears may be hunted with or without trained dogs Sept. 15-Nov. 5 and Nov. 22-Dec. 10 in all counties except Eddy, Chavez, Lincoln and Otero. Bears may be hunted without dogs during Big Game season, Nov. 10-Nov. 21 in all counties.

Beaver (see note)..... No open season.

Note.-- Permits may be issued for the capture of beavers interfering with the operation of canals, ditches; or dams; or causing or threatening the destruction of private property; but the skins of beavers so taken must be turned over to the State for sale.

Muskrat, mink, marten..... No open season

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- The legally taken skins of fur bearers above listed may be possessed, sold, shipped, and exported without permit. No other restrictions on skins legally taken except that a permit fee (\$1.25) is required for the export of bears.

Licenses.--Trapping licenses required for taking above listed fur bearers. Resident, \$1.10; nonresident, \$20.10; fur dealer: resident, \$4; nonresident, \$50.

NEW YORK

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher, otter:

Northern zone and Southern zone (exception)..... No open season.

Exception.-- No open season except by Department order.

Fox, weasel..... No closed season.

Mink: (see note)

Northern zone..... Oct. 25 - Jan. 31.

Southern zone..... Nov. 5 - Mar. 15.

Muskrat: (see note)

Northern zone..... Jan. 1 - Apr. 20.

Southern zone.(exception)..... Jan. 1 - Mar. 20

Exception.-- Unless extended by Department order.

Raccoon, skunk:..... - Jan. 1.

Southern zone..... Nov. 5 - Jan. 31.

Sable or Marten:

Northern and Southern zones..... No open season.

Note.-- Trapping of muskrats prohibited in Washington County. Expiration indefinite. No open season for trapping mink and muskrats during the years 1948 and 1949 in Richmond County.

Northern Zone.-- North of tracks of N.Y.C.R.R. from Oswego to Syracuse and north of tracks of N.Y.C. and B&A.R.R. from Syracuse to Massachusetts boundary,
Southern Zone.-- Elsewhere in State.

Possession and sale.-- The head, skin or hide and feet of quadrupeds legally taken and possessed; may be bought and sold at any time.

Prohibited-- (1) Buy or sell the carcass of a fur-bearer unless the skin or hide is removed therefrom (2) Buy or sell the skin or hide of any fur-bearing animal while attached to the carcass.

Licenses.-- Until January 1, 1949 - Resident (citizen legal resident for six months or longer) \$2.25. Nonresident and Alien (citizen nonresident, citizen residents for less than six months, and unnaturalized foreign born persons) \$25.

After January 1, 1949 - Resident \$2.25; Nonresident and Alien, \$25.00.

Licenses are required to report the number and species of animals taken during the previous season.

NORTH CAROLINA

Open seasons

Bear (game animal)..... Oct. 15 - Jan. 1.

Beaver..... No open season.

Fox:

Communicate with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, for information on county regulations. In counties not having local fox laws, foxes may be taken at any time of the year except that guns may be used only during the open season on other game birds or animals.

Open seasons

Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon (see exception and note). Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

Exception.-- Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Greene, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, Wayne, and Wilson counties..... Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

Pender County shall be closed to trapping except for mink, muskrat, and otter along the streams..... Jan. 1 - Jan. 31.

Note.-- Raccoons or opossums may be taken with gun and dog Oct. 15 - Feb. 15.

Otter..... Jan. 1 - Jan. 31.

Skunk, weasel, wildcat..... No closed season.

Note.-- It is unlawful to set steel traps in Graham and Haywood counties unless for the protection of domestic fowl and livestock or crops; and in all counties west of Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, and Cleveland counties, except that such steel traps may be set for muskrat and mink in the water and along streams in the cultivated portion along said streams.

Bag limit.-- Bear, 2 a day, 2 in possession and 2 a season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- Residents may ship within the State game lawfully taken during open season. Nonresidents may ship game lawfully taken on permit from the Executive Director, but during one open season not more than 2 days' bag limit of game animals. Game shipments must be plainly marked as to owner and contents.

Licenses.-- Resident; State, \$3.25; county, \$2.25. Nonresident, \$25.25. Fur dealer, resident: State, \$25.00; county, \$10.00; fur dealer's employee license, \$25.00. County permit to buy furs at established place of business in resident county, \$5.00; nonresident, \$100.00; nonresident permit to buy furs from State-wide licensed dealers, \$1.00.

NORTH DAKOTA

Open season

Badger..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.

Beaver (see note)..... No open season.

Note.-- If beavers become so numerous that a limited number may be taken without seriously depleting the species, the Game and Fish Commissioner may issue a permit to the landowner to take them on his premises.

Skunk..... Oct. 1 - Feb. 28.

Fox..... No closed season.

Mink, weasel..... Nov. 15 - Feb. 15.

Muskrat (see note)..... Dec. 1 - Dec. 13.

Note.-- Subject to change by Game and Fish Commission.

Raccoon..... Oct. 1 - Feb. 15.

Possession and sale.-- Skins legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time.

Shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except on those of beavers, on which the licensee must, within 10 days, report the number taken and procure a tag (fee 25¢) for each pelt. Tagged beavers or pelts may be possessed, bought, sold, or transported at any time under regulations.

Licenses.-- Resident hunting license, \$1.50; resident trapping license, \$1; nonresident hunting or trapping license, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$5 for each place of business in the State; resident traveling agent or buyer, \$15; nonresident, \$25.

OHIO

Open seasons

Fox (red and gray) (see note).....	No closed season.
Mink (see exception).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties.....	
	Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.
Muskrat (see exception).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties.....	
	Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.
Opossum, raccoon (see note).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
<u>Note.</u> -- Raccoons may be taken only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. E.S.T., except on November 15 when they shall not be taken before 6 p.m. A person or party may not take more or have in their possession more than 2 at a time. The use of climbers or other tree-climbing devices in the taking of fur animals is prohibited.	
Skunk.....	No open season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- Skins legally taken may be possessed, sold, shipped, and transported at any time. Packages must be marked to show contents, initial point of billing, and names and addresses of consignor and consignee.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$1.25; nonresident, \$15.25; fur dealer: resident, no charge, nonresident and agents, \$50. Fur dealer or buyer is required to submit a report within 30 days after close of season on all skins bought which were taken within the State and shipped out of the State or sold within the State. Resident landowner or tenant of at least one year may hunt or trap thereon without a license.

OKLAHOMA

Open seasons

Beaver, marten, otter and sable.....	No open season.
Other fur animals.....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Possession and sale.-- It is illegal to possess or sell pelts except during the open season and 25 days thereafter.

Shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that shipment must be made during the open season or within 25 days thereafter.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$1.25; not more than 10 traps, professional, \$50.00; nonresident, \$250. Fur dealer: resident, \$15; nonresident, \$50. Licensed trappers are required to report their catch. Licensed fur dealers are required to report season's purchases.

OREGON

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, skunk, weasel.....	No closed season.
Bear.....	No closed season.
Beaver, fisher, ring-tailed cat, marten.....	No open season.
Mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon.....	Nov. 15 - Feb. 15.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- Fur animals legally taken within or out of the State may be possessed and sold at any time, but the burden of proving legal taking is on the trapper. Skins legally taken may be shipped at any time.

Licenses.-- Resident, hunting, \$3; nonresident, hunting, \$25.00. Trapping license for mink, otter, and muskrat; resident, \$3; hunting license is required for trapping of predatory animals. Fur dealer, \$10. Fur dealer is required to submit a report not later than January 10 on all pelts acquired. Trappers required to submit report within 30 days of close of season.

PENNSYLVANIA

Open seasons

Beaver (by traps only) (exception).....	Feb. 15 - Mar. 1.
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Exception.-- Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland Counties..... No open season.

Note.-- Nonresidents may not trap beavers. One person may set, tend or operate 10 traps only. Traps must not be set on the structure of any beaver dam or house, or within 25 feet of the waterline or the structure of either thereof. Tags must be kept above ice or waterline to facilitate identification without disturbing traps. Pelts must be tagged within 10 days after season, and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly tagged. Present them to Protector in District of County where trapped.

Bear.....	Nov. 15 - Nov. 20.
Mink, otter.....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1.
Muskrat (by traps only).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1.
Rabbit (cottontail).....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 27.
Raccoon:	
Hunting by individual or party	Oct. 15 - Feb. 1.
Trapping (see note).....	Nov. 1 - Feb. 1.

Note.-- Hunting season begins at 9 a.m. opening date and ends at noon on closing date; traps not to be placed before 9 a.m. on the opening date or before 7 a.m. on any later opening date for trapping. The season closes at 12 noon on the last date indicated for trapping. to permit removal of animals caught on the last night of the season and lifting traps by daylight. Traps must be tagged; metal name tags required. Trappers are requested to refrain from setting traps in trails to avoid destroying game and injuring dogs.

Skunk..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 1

Squirrel:

Black, fox, gray..... Nov. 1 - Nov. 27.

Red..... Nov. 1 - Sept. 30

Note.-- Snares may be used without springpoles for taking predators in the counties of Clarion,

Crawford, Forest and Warren counties..... Dec. 16 - Mar. 31.

All other counties closed.

Bag limits.--Bear (over 1 year old) by individual, 1; hunting party of 3 or more, 2. Beaver, 2; rabbit (cottontail), 20; raccoon, 30; squirrel (red), mink, opossum, skunk, muskrat (traps only), unlimited; squirrel (black, fox, and gray), 24; otter, unlimited.

Possession and sale.-- It is unlawful to have in possession the green pelt of a raccoon or of any fur animals except during the open season therefore and for 10 days thereafter.

Shipment and export.-- Cured skins of raccoons and bears legally taken may be shipped at any time. Packages containing furs must be marked to show contents, and name and address of owner. Raw furs shipped out of the State must be tagged (fee 25¢).

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2; nonresident or alien (nonresident of the United States), \$15. Licensees must report their catch of deer and bears within 5 days after close of season. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$100.

RHODE ISLAND

Open seasons

Mink, muskrat, otter (see exception and note)..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 1.

Exception: Muskrat, mink, and otter in Bristol and

Newport Counties..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 1.

Muskrat on Black Island..... No open season.

Raccoon (see note)..... Oct. 1 - Feb. 1.

Skunk (see note)..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.

Note.-- Landowner may kill muskrats, raccoons, skunks, and minks on his own land at any time.

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2. Resident over 65 years of age may obtain license upon payment of recording fees. Nonresident, \$10; alien, \$15, recording fee 25¢. Rhode Island issues no trapping license. The privilege to trap is included in the hunting license.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Open seasons

Bear..... No closed season.
 Fox (hunting only, may not be trapped) (see exception)... Sept. 15 - Feb. 15.

Exception.--

Chester County..... Sept. 15 - Mar. 1.
 Spartanburg County..... Aug. 31 - Feb. 28.
 Chesterfield County..... Sept. 1 - Feb. 15.
 Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Darlington,
 Dorchester, Florence, Hampton, Lexington,
 and Richland Counties..... No closed season.
 Anderson, Laurens, Abbeville, McCormick,
 Greenwood, and Newberry Counties..... Sept. 1 - Mar. 1.

Note.-- Use of steel traps is prohibited except for protection of poultry and property.

Possession and sale.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.-- Skins of fur animals must be tagged by State warden or deputy before being shipped or transported. Tag fees: Otter, red fox, \$1; raccoon, gray fox, mink, 15¢ each; muskrat, opossum, 5¢. Packages for shipment must bear certificate of State warden that tag has been attached to each pelt. Shippers must make monthly reports to county wardens of skins shipped or transported. Shipments must be labeled to show consignor and consignee and the number and kinds of skins. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Resident: State, \$3.10; county, \$1.10. Nonresident: State, \$15.25.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Open seasons

Badger..... Oct. 1. - Sept. 30.
 Mink (exception)..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 15.

Exception.--Custer, Fall River, Pennington and

Shannon Counties..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.

Muskrat:(exception)..... Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

Custer, Fall River, Pennington and Shannon..... Dec. 1 - Mar. 31

Exception.-- Except in the counties of Edmunds,

Potter, Faulk, Spink, Brule, Aurora, Jerauld,
 Sanborn, Davison, Hanson, Douglas, Hutchinson,
 Turner, Lincoln, Bon Homme, Yankton, Gregory,
 Tripp, Lyman, Lawrence and Meade.

Raccoon..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.

Note.-- No person shall set or operate more than 75 traps at any one time.

Possession and sale.-- Fur dealers are required to have license to purchase skins of any furbearing animal. Raw furs may be had in possession after the close of the season provided such furs are checked with a game warden within ten days after the close of the season.

Licenses.-- Trapping license, \$2.00 (available to residents only).
License required to all persons 15 years of age or over except persons trapping
on lands occupied by them.

TENNESSEE

Consult Department of Conservation, Nashville 10, Tennessee. Data not
available when Abstract was prepared.

TEXAS

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, ringtail cat, otter, skunk (see exceptions and note).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Cherokee county, steel traps, permitted.....	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.
Cottle County.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.
Beaver (see exception and note).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kimble Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, and Val Verde Counties.....	Jan. 1 - Jan. 15.
Bobcat, cougar, coyote, mountain and Mexican lion, ocelot, weasel, wildcat, wolf,.....	No closed season.
Fox (see exception and note)	
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Brazos, Falls, Limestone and Upshur Counties (except when destroying or about to destroy domestic fowls or other stock).....	No open season.
Bowie, Jefferson, and Rusk Counties.....	No open season.
Camp County (if traps or guns are used).....	No open season.
Cass County.....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.
Burleson, Denton, Freestone, Guadalupe, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Lee, Leon, Madison; Milam, Newton, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine; San Jacinto, Shelby, and Walker Counties.....	No closed season.
Navarro County (if steel traps, snare, or deadfalls are used).....	No open season.
Mink, raccoon (see exceptions and note).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Cherokee County, steel traps permitted during ..	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.
Cottle County.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.
Muskrat (trapping only) (see exceptions and note).....	Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, and Terrell Counties.....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
Cherokee County (if steel traps are used).....	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.
Cottle County.....	Nov. 15 - Apr. 1.
<u>Note.</u> -- Muskrats may be taken by persons on own premises at any time by any means.	
Opossum (see exceptions).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Cherokee County.....	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.
Cottle County.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.
Sabine and San Augustine Counties,.....	No closed season.

Notes.-- Communicate with the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Austin, for information on counties having additional local season, on bag limits, and on means and methods of catching.

Parker County: Unlawful to liberate or possess fox.

Robertson County: May not sell fox or their pelts.

Possession and sale.-- With certain exceptions; pelts taken during the open season may be possessed and sold at any time, but the possession of undried pelts later than 15 days after the close of the season is prima facie evidence of illegal taking. A trapper is allowed 15 days immediately following the open season for drying pelts taken during such season. It is illegal to purchase on the land of another, muskrats taken on such land, except from the owner or his agent. No restrictions on possession of skins for personal use if legally taken.

Shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$1; nonresident, \$200. Fur buyer: wholesale, \$25; retail, \$5. Fur dealers must submit a sworn report not later than the 10th of each month showing number and kinds of pelts purchased and shipped out of the State the preceding month. A resident license costing \$50 is required of persons to trap beavers and otters outside the county of their residence.

UTAH

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), otter..... No open season.

Note.-- Beavers damaging farms or other property
may be trapped under authorization of the
State Fish and Game Commission.

Muskrat (see exception)..... Oct. 15 - Dec. 15.
Feb. 15 - Apr. 1.

Exception: Muskrats doing actual damage to property
may be destroyed or trapped at any season without
license by owner or tenant.

Predatory animals..... No closed season.

Note.-- The Commission may close all or part of seasons when it is deemed advisable.

Possession and sale.-- Skins of fur animals legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time, but green pelts may be possessed only during the open season and 15 days thereafter. Skins of beavers taken under authorization of the State Fish and Game Commission must be turned over to the Commission for sale. Possession of untagged beaver and otter skins is prohibited.

Shipment and export.-- Furs legally taken and possessed may be shipped and exported at any time, but shipment and export of untagged beaver skins are prohibited.

Licenses.-- No person shall hunt or trap for fur-bearing animals without having first obtained a state trapper's license from the director. For the purpose of this title the following shall be considered fur-bearing animals: Otter, mink, marten, or sable, raccoon, muskrat and beaver.

Resident, \$5; nonresident is not permitted to trap.

VERMONT

Open seasons

Beaver and fisher cat.....	No open season.
Fox (see exception and note).....	Oct. 25 - Feb. 14.
<u>Exception:</u> Grand Island County.....	No closed season.
<u>Note.</u> -- Franklin County: Trapping prohibited except in Town of Swanton where fox may be taken at any time..	
Mink, marten, and otter.....	Oct. 25 - Feb. 14.
Muskrat (see exception):	
Trapping.....	Oct. 25 - Apr. 19.
Shooting.....	Apr. 1 - Apr. 10.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Addison and Rutland Counties.....	Jan. 1 - Apr. 19.
Lamoille County.....	Oct. 25 - Feb. 14.
Raccoon (see note).....	Oct. 25 - Dec. 30.
Skunk (see note).....	Oct. 25 - Feb. 14.

Note.-- Fox, skunk, and raccoon may be taken with dog and gun during open season. Hunting license required to take fur-bearing animals with dog and gun.

Note.-- A person who traps for fur-bearing or noxious animals other than bear, within twelve hours shall notify the owner of enclosed lands on which he has set traps of the number and location of such traps and shall visit his traps at least once in every twenty-four hours. A person shall not set a metal trap on lands other than his own which does not have his name and address permanently and legibly stamped or engraved thereon, or on a tag of rustless material securely attached thereto.

Possession and sale.-- Possession of fur animals during the closed season is prohibited, but furs or skins of animals legally taken may be possessed, bought or sold at any time.

Shipment and export.-- Shipments must be tagged to show number and kinds of animals or skins, consignor and consignee, station from which shipped, and destination. No other restrictions on shipment of skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Trapping: resident, \$1.75; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$2.00; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyers are required to keep records of purchases and sales and file report on same at the end of license year. Hunting: resident, \$1.25; nonresident, \$12.50.

VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Black bear (trapping) (see note).....	Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
<u>Note.</u> -- It is unlawful to set steel bear traps in Nansemond, Norfolk, and Princess Anne Counties.	
Beaver, raccoon, squirrel (trapping).....	No open season.
Fox (trapping) (see exceptions).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.

Open seasons

Exception:

Albermarle County.....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.
Buckanan County.....	No closed season.
Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Rappahannock Counties.....	No open season.
Nelson County.....	Nov. 1 - Jan. 20.
Mink (trapping) (see exception).....	Dec. 15 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Buckanan County.....	No closed season.
Muskrat, otter (trapping).....	Dec. 15- Feb. 28.
Opossum (trapping).....	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
Rabbit (trapping).....	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
Skunk, weasel, wildcat.....	No closed season.

Note.-- It is unlawful to trap with steel traps except when done on land by its owner, members of his or her household, tenants, or those having permission to do so from the landowner or his or her agent.

Bag limit.-- Rabbit, 10 a day; 150 a season.

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken and possessed.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$20.00 (State); \$3.00 (County). Nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer, resident, \$25.00 (State); \$10.00 (County); to buy from trappers at retail within a fixed place of business, \$5. Fur buyer, nonresident to buy from individual trapper, \$75 (State); \$25 (County); to buy from trappers at retail within a fixed place of business, \$25.

WASHINGTON

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher.....	No open season.
Marten (see notes).....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.
Other fur animals.....	Nov. 14 - Jan. 15.

Notes.-- It is unlawful to trap muskrats in muskrat mounds or houses. It is unlawful to trap fur animals within the boundaries of the Lake Washington, Little Spokane, and Burnt Bridge Creek game reserves from Nov. 14, 1948 to Jan. 15, 1949, both dates inclusive.

It is lawful for any person holding a trapper's license to hunt raccoons with dogs at night during the open season trapping season.

It is unlawful for any person to shoot fur animals except raccoons with any firearms whatsoever.

The taking of martens during this special season is open to all licensed trappers who must strictly abide by the following requirements.

It is unlawful for any trapper to use more than 36 traps.

Within 13 days after the close of the lawful open season on martens, each trapper must present his skins for tagging and inspection to the local game protector in the area in which he traps; and at that time the game protector must tag each skin. It is unlawful to sell any marten skins not so tagged, and on and after Jan. 14, 1949, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any marten skins not so tagged.

No bag limit.

Possession, sale, shipment, export and licenses.-- Correspond with the State Game Commission; 509 Fairview North, Seattle, Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)..... Jan. 27 - Feb. 15.

Note.-- Trapping by permit only on beavers causing damage to crops.

Fox (red) (see exceptions)..... No closed season.

Exception.-- Clay, Doddridge, Jackson, Lincoln, Tyler, Wayne.

Mink, muskrat..... Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

Raccoon, skunk, opossum..... Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

Bag limit - Raccoons, 2 a day; 10 a season.

Beaver, 4 a day; 4 a season.

Possession and sale.-- Possession permitted during the open season only, but fresh skins may be possessed for 10 days after close of season. No restrictions on sale of skins legally taken and possessed.

Shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken and possessed.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$15. Resident state-wide beaver trapping license, \$2. Fur dealer: resident, State-wide, \$10; county, \$1; nonresident, \$50; agent, \$2.50. Fur dealers must submit an annual report of all transactions.

WISCONSIN

Consult the Wisconsin Conservation Department, State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin for information.

WYOMING

Open seasons

Badger, bobcat, civet, coyote, mountain lion, lynx, raccoon, skunk, weasel, wolf (Classed as predators) (Note)..... No closed season.

Note.-- Permit necessary on Forest.

Beaver (see note) (Outside National Forests)..... Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
and Jan. 1 - May 31.

Note.-- Seasons practiced but not established by order. Beavers may be taken only by landowners or lessees under permit of the State Game Warden, and pelts so taken must be tagged with "Beaver Tag" and "Protected Animal Tag" fee 50¢ each.

Mink (see note)..... Nov. 10 - Jan. 31.

Note.-- In all areas within the State not included within National Forest boundaries; except all of Sublette and Teton Counties, that portion of Fremont County within the Sweetwater Unit, and that portion of Lincoln County in the drainages of Snake, Greys and Salt River, which shall be closed to mink trapping.

Possession, sale, shipment and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken except that nonresident buyers are required to have a license for purchase or collection of any fur including beaver. No exportation permit required.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$3.00; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$100. Predator license on National Forest lands only, \$1.00.

ALBERTA

		Open seasons.
Badger (see note).....		No closed season.
<u>Note.</u> -- Any person may at any time, without any license or permit, hunt, take or kill any Badger, except in that part of the Province comprising the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.		
Beaver (see note).....		April 1 - May 15.
<u>Note.</u> -- Holders of a Certificate of registration of a trap-line or area.		
Foxes.....		Nov. 1 - Jan. 15.
Lynx.....		Dec. 1 - Feb. 26.
Marten (see note).....		Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.
<u>Note.</u> -- The holder of a Registered trap-line or area situated in that portion of the Province lying to the west of the Fifth Meridian, may hunt or trap not more than 8 marten on the registered trap-line or area held by him, between the first day of December and the fifteenth day of January following, (both dates inclusive), provided, however, that when a trap-line or area is held in a partnership, only 8 marten may be taken from any such trap-line or area.		
Mink.....		Nov. 15 - Feb. 26.
Muskrat (see note).....		Nov. 15 - May 15.
<u>Note.</u> -- Special Permits may be issued to the holders of a Certificate of Registration of a trap-line or trapping area, to hunt or trap muskrats between the fifteenth day of November and the Fifteenth day of May following (both dates inclusive) on such Registered trap-line or trapping area, where it is shown upon investigation by a Game Officer that there exists within the limits of such trap-line or trapping area, muskrats in sufficient numbers as to warrant the issuance of a Special Permit.		
Otter.....		Nov. 1 - Mar 31.
Red Squirrel.....		Nov. 15 - Feb. 26.

Possession and sale.-- No person either by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, shall buy, sell, deal, barter, solicit or traffic in the skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur bearing animal, or conduct any sale of such skin, pelt, or part thereof, either by tender or by auction, or being a furrier shall acquire any skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur-bearing animal for the purpose of manufacture, or being a tanner shall receive any skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur-bearing animal for processing in any manner whatsoever, without having first obtained a license under this Act authorizing him so to do.

Shipment and export.-- No agent of any express company or other common carrier shall receive for transportation beyond the boundaries of the Province any big game, game birds or skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof, unless the same be accompanied by and the transportation thereof authorized by an export permit issued under authority of the Department of Lands and Mines, "The Game Act, 1946".

Licenses.-- Resident trapper's license, \$2.00; Indian trapper's license, free; Metis trapper's license, free; registered trap-line or trapping area, \$10.00; permit for forest and game preserve resident to keep traps, free.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Open seasons

Eastern District (see note):

Beaver, muskrat:

North of the 51st parallel of north latitude and in

the Yale and Kamloops Electoral Districts.....Mar. 1 - May 15.

Otter (except sea otter) (see exception).....Mar. 1 - Apr. 30.

Exception: North main line CPR.....Nov. 1 - May 15.

All other fur animals (except badger).....Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.

Western District (see note):

All fur animals (except sea otter and badger)

(see exception):

North of 51st parallel of north latitude..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.

South of 51st parallel of north latitude..... Dec. 1 - Feb. 28.

Exceptions:

Beaver, muskrat, and otter (except sea

otter) in that part of the Lillooet

Electoral District lying east of a

line running north and south of the

Alta Lake Railway Station on the Pacific

Great Eastern Railway and including the

Watershed of the Upper Lillooet River..... Dec. 1 - Apr. 30.

Beaver on Vancouver and Queen Charlotte

Islands..... No open season.

Sea otter..... No open season.

Note.-- The Western District comprises that part of the province that lies west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains and south of the Atlin Electoral District, except that part of the Skeena Electoral District that is in the watershed of Lakelse and Zymagotitz Rivers.

The Eastern District comprises the rest of the Province.

Possession and sale.-- It is illegal to sell pelts of fur animals taken in the closed season or to possess unprime pelts. Possession of pelts legally taken is permitted during the open season and 14 days thereafter (1 month north of the 52nd parallel). Special permit is required for possession at other times. All beaver pelts must be tagged.

Shipment and export.-- Shipment and export are allowed under permit, and royalties must be paid in full on all furs exported or shipped to tanner within the Province. Packages must be prepared so they can be easily opened for inspection or labeled with full description of contents and the names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and must be accompanied by an export permit. Importation of live animals is prohibited except under permit.

Open seasonsNorth of the 53rd Parallel:

Beaver, raccoon.....	No open season.
Fox (Arctic, blue, and white).....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.
Fox.....	Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
Mink.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.
Muskrat.....	Apr. 1 - May 11.
Otter.....	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.

South of the 53rd Parallel:

Badger.....	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
Beaver, otter (see exception), raccoon.....	No open season.
Exception: Otter, east of Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario boundary, and north of the Winnipeg River to the 53rd Parallel, and in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve north of the Whiteshell Game Preserve.....	
	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.
Fox.....	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
Mink.....	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
Muskrat (see exception).....	Apr. 1 - Apr. 24.
Exception: South of the 53rd Parallel east of Lake Winnipeg and the Bloodvein River.....	
	Apr. 2 - May 11.

Shipment and export.-- Export of the skins of all fur animals is prohibited unless shipment is accompanied by a permit and has attached a declaration of the number and kinds of skins contained. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.-- Resident trapper, \$2. Fur dealer: restricted \$10; general, \$25; auction, \$100; traveling, \$25.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Open season

Beaver (see note).....	No open season.
<u>Note.</u> -- No person shall set a trap or snare closer than 100 feet to any beaver dam, house or pond.	
Fisher, marten.....	No open season.
Fox (see note).....	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
<u>Note.</u> -- Digging of fox homes or burrows prohibited.	
Mink, otter and raccoon.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Muskrat (see note).	
Westmorland, Albert, St. John, Charlotte, including Grand Manan, Kings, Queens, Sunbury and York (south of St. John River) counties.....	
	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30.
Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester, Restigouche, Madawaska, Victoria, Carleton and York (north of St. John River) counties.....	
	Apr. 1 - May 25.
<u>Note.</u> -- Shooting of muskrat or digging out homes or search burrows prohibited.	
Rabbit.....	Sept. 15 - Feb. 28.
<u>Note.</u> -- No hunting allowed at any time with dog or hounds except by special permit.	

Possession and sale.-- A bona fide resident of the Province does not require a license to sell raw furs legally killed or taken by himself, provided that such raw furs are sold to the holder of a non-resident or resident fur dealer's license. All hunters of game must report to the Chief Game Warden immediately after the close of the open season stating the number of game animals killed. Penalty for not reporting, \$50. The license or unused tags need not be returned as formerly.

Shipment and export.-- Raw furs must be stamped by an officer of the Department, royalty paid, and shipping permit secured before the same are allowed to be exported out of the Province (exception: ranch-raised mink, cross, patch, and silver black foxes). All game meat, hides, and heads must be tagged for transportation. The Federal government controls the export of game by non-resident hunters and arrangements must be made with the Dominion Customs Officers at ports of exit. See instructions on license.

Licenses.-- Trapping: Nonresident, \$100; residents do not require a license to trap. Fur dealers: nonresident, \$100; resident, \$25.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Open seasons

Fox (including Arctic and colored):

North of timber-line.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.
South of timber-line.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.
Lynx, mink fisher.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.
Marten.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.

Otter:

North of the Arctic circle.....	Nov. 1 - May 15.
South of the Arctic circle.....	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.

Muskrat:

North of the Arctic Circle.....	Mar. 1 - June 10.
South of the Arctic Circle.....	Mar. 1 - May 31.
Polar Bear.....	Oct. 1 - May 31.

Trapping licences issued to certain residents only. Nonresidents may obtain game bird licences. Regulations administered by Director, Lands and Development Services Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Ontario:

NOVA SCOTIA

Open seasons

Bear, wildcat, wolf, fox.....	No closed season.
Fisher, marten.....	No open season.
Mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, weasel.....	Nov. 1 - Dec. 15.

Note.-- It is illegal to kill muskrats by the use of any shotgun, rifle, or other firearm.

No person shall damage or molest any muskrat house or set up any snare or trap within 25 feet of such house, or use any trap designed to take more than one animal at a time.

Possession and sale.-- It is illegal to possess or sell the green hides of beavers, martens, or fishers, or to possess, buy, or sell green hides of any fur animal taken out of season or pelts on which royalty has not been paid. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.-- It is illegal to export skins of fur animals except under certificate of inspection and permit (fee 50¢) from the game inspector, and payment of royalty. All shipments must be made by express or parcel post.

Licenses.-- Not required of resident trapper; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$25, nonresident, \$100. Fur buyers are required to report monthly on pelts purchased and sold.

ONTARIO

Open seasons

Bear, lynx, skunk, weasel, wolf, wolverine..... No closed season.
Beaver, muskrat -- Seasons to be fixed by regulation
of the Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto.
Fisher, fox, marten, mink, otter..... Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
Raccoon..... Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Possession and sale.-- Possession of furs during the closed season and the sale of unprime pelts are prohibited except under permit. It is illegal to have skins dressed, plucked, or treated except under permit obtained on payment of royalties.

Shipment and export.-- Export of furs is prohibited except under permit obtained on payment of royalties. Shipments must be made by express or parcel post, and packages must be marked to show names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and contents. Shipment by airplane is allowed under special permit.

Licenses.-- Resident trapping, British subject only, \$4.50, and 50¢ to issuing officer. Not issued to nonresidents. Fur dealer: resident, British subject, "Store License," \$25; resident, British subject, traveling buyer, \$100; resident, not British subject, and nonresident traveling fur buyer, \$200; resident, British subject, wholesale license, \$100; nonresident, wholesale buyer from holder of wholesale license, \$5; resident, British subject, buying for own use, \$1.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Consult Game Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.
Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

QUEBEC

Open seasons

Bear (see exceptions)..... No closed season.
Exception: Hunting prohibited in parks. Special
season for clubs.
Beaver: Write to Department of Game and Fisheries, Quebec.
Fisher, raccoon, lynx..... Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.

Open seasons

Fox, mink, marten.....	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
Muskrat:	
North zone (a).....	Apr. 15 - May 14.
(b).....	Nov. 1 - Nov. 20.
South zone.....	Mar. 15 - Apr. 30.
Otter.....	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28.
Skunk.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.
Other fur animals.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.

Possession and sale.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken and on which royalties have been paid.

Shipment and export.-- Prohibited, except of fur animals or furs on which royalties have been paid. Skins must be shipped open to view. Each skin must be stamped to show that royalty has been paid. Packages must show names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and have attached an export permit. A special permit must be obtained from the Federal government before shipping a silver fox to the United States.

Licenses.-- Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$200.

SASKATCHEWAN

Consult the Department of Natural Resources and Industrial Development, Natural Resources Bldg., Regina, Saskatchewan. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

YUKON

Open season

Beaver (see note).....	No open season.
<u>Note.</u> -- No open season on beavers for period of three years from May 31, 1945.	
Fisher, otter.....	Jan. 1 - May 15.
Fox:	
North of the Arctic Circle.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.
South of the Arctic Circle.....	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
Lynx.....	Nov. 15 - Mar. 31.
Marten, mink.....	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28.
Muskrat:	
North of the Arctic Circle.....	Mar. 1 - June 15.
South of the Arctic Circle.....	Mar. 1 - May 31.
Other fur animals.....	No closed season.
Squirrel, weasel.....	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.-- No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that the export of raw furs is prohibited except under permit and payment of royalties. Aircraft may not be used in trapping operations except as a means of transportation between the settlement where the trapper outfits and his principal base camp, and in such use the game laws and regulations must be complied with.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Consult the Department of Natural Resources, St. Johns. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

OFFICIALS FROM WHOM COPIES OF FUR LAWS MAY BE OBTAINED

Alabama: Director, Department of Conservation, Montgomery.

Alaska: Fish and Wildlife Service, Juneau; or Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Arizona: Director, Arizona Game and Fish Commission, Phoenix.

Arkansas: Executive Secretary, Game and Fish Commission, State Capitol, Little Rock.

California: Executive Secretary, Fish and Game Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Ferry Building, San Francisco 11.

Colorado: Superintendent of Fur Resources, State Game and Fish Commission, 1350 Sherman Street, Denver.

Connecticut: Game Technician, State Board of Fisheries and Game, Hartford 1.

Delaware: Chief Game Warden, Board of Game and Fish Commissioners, Dover.

District of Columbia: Metropolitan Police, Washington.

Florida: Director, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Tallahassee.

Georgia: Director, State Game and Fish Commission, 412 State Capitol, Atlanta.

Hawaii: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, P. O. Box 3319, Honolulu 1.

Idaho: Director, Department of Fish and Game, Boise.

Illinois: Director, Department of Conservation, Springfield.

Indiana: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Conservation Department, State Library Building, Indianapolis 9.

Iowa: Director, State Conservation Commission, 10th and Mulberry Streets, Des Moines 8.

Kansas: Director, Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission, Pratt.

Kentucky: Director, Department of Conservation, Frankfort.

Louisiana: Director, Division of Furs and Refuges, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Civil Courts Building, New Orleans 16.

Maine: Chief Warden, Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, State House, Augusta.

Maryland: State Game Warden, Board of Natural Resources, Game and Inland Fish Commission, 510-514 Munsey Building, Baltimore 2.

Massachusetts: Commissioner, Department of Conservation, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8.

Michigan: Game Division, Conservation Commission, Lansing 13.

Minnesota: Commissioner, Department of Conservation, State Office Building, St. Paul 1.

Mississippi: Director of Conservation, State Game and Fish Commission, 330 East Pearl Street, Jackson 104.

Missouri: Director, State Conservation Commission, Jefferson City.

Montana: State Fish and Game Warden, State Fish and Game Commission, Helena.

Nebraska: Project Leader, Pittman-Robertson Projects, Game, Forestation, and Parks Commission, Lincoln 9.

Nevada: Secretary, State Fish and Game Commission, Reno.

New Hampshire: Director, Fish and Game Department, State House Annex, Concord.

New Jersey: Executive Secretary, Board of Fish and Game Commissioners, State House, Trenton.

New Mexico: State Game Warden, State Game and Fish Commission, Santa Fe.

New York: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Conservation Department, Albany.

North Carolina: Commissioner, Division of Game and Inland Fisheries,
Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

North Dakota: Game and Fish Commissioner, Game and Fish Department,
Bismarck.

Ohio: Commissioner, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources,
Department of Agriculture, Columbus.

Oklahoma: Superintendent, Game Division, Game and Fish Commission,
State Capitol, Oklahoma City 5.

Oregon: State Game Commission, 1634 W. Alder Street, P. O. Box 4136,
Portland 8.

Pennsylvania: Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Harrisburg.

Rhode Island: Administrator, Division of Fish and Game, Department of
Agriculture and Conservation, State House, Providence 2.

South Carolina: Chief Game Warden, State Game and Fish Department,
Columbia.

South Dakota: Director, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Pierre.

Tennessee: Director, Division of Game and Fish, Department of Conservation,
304 State Office Building, Nashville 3.

Texas: Executive Secretary, Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Austin.

Utah: Director, State Fish and Game Commission, State Capitol Bldg.
Salt Lake City.

Vermont: Director, Fish and Game Service, Department of Natural Resources,
Montpelier.

Virginia: Executive Director, Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries,
Travelers Building, Richmond 13.

Washington: Director, Department of Game, State Game Commission, 509
Fairview North, Seattle.

West Virginia: Game Technician, Conservation Commission of West Virginia,
Charleston.

Wisconsin: Game Management, Conservation Department, Madison 2.

Wyoming: State Game Warden, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Cheyenne.

Canada: Controller, National Parks Bureau, Department of Mines and
Resources, Ottawa.

Alberta: Fish and Game Commissioner, Department of Lands and Mines,
Edmonton.

British Columbia: Game Commission, 650 Burrard Street, Vancouver.

Manitoba: Director of Game and Fisheries, Department of Mines and
Natural Resources, Winnipeg.

New Brunswick: Chief Game Warden, Department of Lands and Mines, Fredericton.

Northwest Territories: Director, Lands, Parks, and Forests Branch, Dept.
of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Ontario.

Nova Scotia: Director, Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax.

Ontario: Minister, Department of Game and Fisheries, Parliament
Buildings, Toronto.

Prince Edward Island: Game Inspector, Department of Agriculture,
Charlottetown.

Quebec: Minister, Department of Game and Fisheries, Quebec.

Saskatchewan: Game Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources, Regina.

Yukon: Territorial Secretary, Dawson.

Newfoundland: Chief Game Warden, Department of Natural Resources,
St. Johns.

Mexico: Secretaria de Agricultura y Fomento, Calle de Edison No. 145,
Mexico, D. F.

THE FEDERAL LACEY ACT

An act of Congress of May 25, 1900 (31 Stat. 187) known as the Lacey Act, as amended by Public Law 772, 80th Congress on June 25, 1948, 18 U.S.C. sections 43 and 44, provides among other things, that -

§ 43 - Whoever delivers or knowingly receives for shipment, transportation, or carriage in interstate or foreign commerce, any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country, or captured, killed, taken purchased, sold, possessed contrary to any Act of Congress, or the law of any State, Territory, Possession, or foreign country, or subdivision thereof; or

Whoever transports, brings, or conveys from any foreign country into the United States any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried contrary to the law of such foreign country or subdivision thereof: or

Whoever knowingly purchases or receives any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country or shipped, transported, carried, brought, or conveyed in violation of this section; or

Whoever, having purchased or received any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country or shipped, transported, or carried in interstate commerce, makes any false record or account thereof -

Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and the wild animals or birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof, or the eggs of such birds, shall be forfeited.

§ 44 - Whoever ships, transports, carries, brings or conveys in interstate or foreign commerce any package containing wild animals or birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof, without plainly marking, labeling, or tagging such package with the names and addresses of the shipper and consignee and with an accurate statement showing the contents by number and kind; or

Whoever ships, transports, carries, brings or conveys in interstate commerce any package containing furs, hides, or skins of wild animals without plainly marking, labeling, or tagging such package with the names and addresses of the shipper and consignee -

Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and the shipment forfeited.

§ 3054 - Any employee authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce sections 43 and 44 of this title, and any officer of the customs, may arrest any person violating said sections in his presence or view, and may execute any warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of said sections.

§ 3112 -Any employee authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce sections 43 and 44 of this title, and any officer of the customs, shall have authority to execute any warrant to search for and seize any property used or possessed in violation of said sections and property so seized shall be held by him or by the United States marshal pending disposition thereof by the court.

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